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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharatiya Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) has taken steps to provide telephone on demand;

(b) if so, the State-wise progress in this regard including Jhalawar district of Rajasthan; and

(c) the details of the steps taken to clear the waiting list for telephone connections in various States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since most of the pending waiting list is in rural far flung areas which cannot be economically covered on wire line, BSNL has planned to set up the WLL infrastructure in a big way so as to minimize the waiting list as well as cater to the future demand. The Circle-wise plan for making available WLL infrastructure during the current year is given in the Annexure.

WLL network expansion plan in Jhalawar District is given below:

(i) 5 numbers of CDMA WLL(Wireless in Local Loop) BTS(Base Terminal Station) of 750 lines each have been installed at Jhalrapatan, Pirawa, Dag, Choumehla & Aklera.

(ii) 4 numbers of CDMA WLL BTS of 750 lines each have been planned for installation at Manoharthana, Ghatoli, Khanpur & Bhawanimandi.

(c) Following steps have been taken by BSNL to clear the waiting list for telephone connection in various states:

(i) Large Scale deployment of WLL network in rural areas to substitute the landline network.

(ii) The norms for laying of outdoor cable for wireline connections have been relaxed from 2.5 Kms to 5.0 Kms wherever such demand exists.

(iii) Mobile network in all the highways, important towns, pilgrim centres and state highways are being deployed to provide coverage to more areas.

ANNEXURE

Circle-Wise WLL capacity Planned during the current year

Sl.No	Name of Circle	WLL capacity planned to be made Available during
		2005-06
1	Andhra Pradesh	219750
2	Andaman & Nicobar	-
3	Assam	44300
4	Bihar	101000
5	Chhattisgarh	32800
6	Gujarat	110000

7	Haryana	145250	
8	Himachal Pradesh	54000	
9	Jammu & Kashmir	91000	
10	Jharkhand	-	
11	Karnataka	218250	
12	Kerala	475500	
13	Madhya Pradesh	106500	
14	Maharashtra	295250	
15	North East-I	56250	
16	North East-II	51250	
17	Orissa	50000	
18	Punjab	50250	
19	Rajasthan	203500	
20	Tamilnadu	293250	
21	Uttar Pradesh East		57000
22	Uttar Pradesh West	138000	
23	Uttaranchal	60000	
24	West Bengal	133750	
25	Chennai	-	
26	Kolkotta	50000	
TOTAL		3036850	